



Moved by the destruction he saw in New Orleans, veteran actor Mr. T donated his collection of jewelry.

Mr. T sheds gold for Katrina relief

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) - Mr. T has given himself a makeover. The former television action star shed the piles of gold chains that were his signature look after witnessing the destruction from Hurricane Katrina.

"As a spiritual man, I felt it would be a sin against my God for me to wear all that gold again because I spent a lot of time with the less fortunate," the actor said at the Television Critics Association's summer meeting last week.

"I saw some, I call it 'sorry celebrities.' They'll go down there and hook up with the people to take a photo-op. I said, 'How disgusting.' If you're not going to go down there with a check and a hammer and a nail to help the people, don't go down there."

Mr. T, whose real name is Lawrence Tero, stars in "I Pity the Fool" debuting in October on TV Land. He dispenses advice to viewers who are struggling with life's problems.

The former star of "The A-Team" said he's about more than his rough-and-tough image.

"Yes, I am qualified to beat people up. But I am pretty intelligent," he said. "That's what throws people off. If you've been through something, that gives you an authority that you can speak on certain things. That's why people relate to me. I pull no punches."

Slain emcee's kin seeks resolution

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The family of Notorious B.I.G. has asked a judge for permission to expand its wrongful-death lawsuit against the city of Los Angeles, contending police Officer Rafael Perez was on duty at Petersen Automotive Museum the night of the killing.

The request was included in a 94-page motion citing a list of incidents, which the family contends shows a pattern linking police to crimes involving rap stars, including Snoop Dogg and the late Tupac Shakur.

Notorious B.I.G., born Christopher Wallace, was fatally shot in 1997 in a sport utility vehicle shortly after a party in Los Angeles.

The Wallace family's at-

torneys alleged that Vincent Marella, a private attorney defending the city, said in a court hearing July 5 that Perez was in uniform and involved in the rapper's shooting.

The full transcripts from the hearing, however, show that Marella was only repeating an informant's allegations.

Perez is not named as a defendant in the proposed new lawsuit, nor is any of the other alleged participants, including former officer David Mack, Death Row Records owner Marion "Suge" Knight or a former suspect, Amir Muhammad. All four men have denied involvement in the slaying. The city remains the only defendant.

Usher to debut on Broadway

NEW YORK (AP) - Usher, the silky voiced R&B superstar, will soon be crooning a Broadway melody.

The multi-platinum recording artist and five-time Grammy winner will take over the role of conniving lawyer Billy Flynn in the long-running musical revival "Chicago," making his Broadway debut, producers Barry and Fran Weissler announced Friday.

"I have always admired Broadway actors for their showmanship, dedication and focus that goes into performing live on stage every night," the 27-year-old Usher said in a statement. "Being on Broadway allows you to connect to audiences in a whole new way that's different from music and movies."

Usher's last album, "Confessions," sold more than 8 million copies in the United States and made its debut as number one on Billboard's

200 Albums chart. Among his hit songs are "Confessions," "Burn," "You Make Me Wanna" and "Yeah!"

Usher opens Aug. 22 in "Chicago" and will appear through Oct. 1.

The R&B performer, who was born Usher Raymond in Chattanooga, Tenn., and raised in Atlanta, was discovered when he was 13 at a "Star Search" competition and was given a recording contract. While "Chicago" will mark his Broadway debut, he has acted in TV shows and several films, including

Campbell

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A spokeswoman for Campbell did not return a call and an e-mail requesting comment last week.

The volatile Campbell has a history of problems with her employees. In 2003, she was sued by a former administrative assistant who said Campbell had thrown a phone at her during a tantrum in Campbell's apartment two years earlier.

last year's "In the Mix."

"Chicago," Broadway's longest running musical revival, has a score by John Kander and Ebb and a book by Bob Fosse and Ebb. The tale of Roxie Hart, a has-been chorus cutie who murders her boyfriend and tries to ride the notoriety to show-biz fame and fortune, originally was seen on Broadway in 1975.

The Weissler-produced show, winner of six Tony Awards, opened in 1996 and has been seen around the world.

Barry Weissler has devel-

oped the replacement strategy for his long-running shows, including "Grease" and "Annie Get Your Gun," into a fine art. In "Chicago," its morally relaxed heroine has been played by such diverse actresses as Brooke Shields, Melanie Griffith, Sandy Duncan, Marilu Henner and Rita Wilson.

Among the actors who have played Billy Flynn on Broadway are Huey Lewis, Wayne Brady, Kevin Richardson, George Hamilton, Taye Diggs, Alan Thicke and Billy Zane.

In August 2004, in the same apartment, Campbell and her maid battled it out, with the worker claiming the supermodel slapped her across the face. Campbell accused the maid, Millicent Burton, of instigating the fight.

Last month, another maid, Gaby Gibson, filed a lawsuit accusing Campbell of personal injuries, employment discrimination, civil assault and civil battery.

Your Horoscope Says... July 20-July 26

ARIES

A relationship may be heating up. Make sure you know what you want, then go ahead. Minor challenges on the home front are easily dealt with. Think of a money project that involves the use of creative imagination. This is a good week to focus on it.

Soul Affirmation: The widest outlook comes from the look within.

Lucky Numbers: 8, 10, 34

TAURUS

You make important progress at work this week by seizing the initiative and letting your leadership abilities shine. What you do makes things better for everyone around you, so rock steady. Meetings and conversations go especially well.

Soul Affirmation: The word is in me. I bring it forth.

Lucky Numbers: 10, 31, 42

GEMINI

Pay attention to the details in your big bright beautiful picture this week. You'll handle everything that comes up if you keep your focus sharp. A grand social event is in store for the week. Remember that joy is in the journey and at the destination.

Soul Affirmation: I am willing to make changes in my life.

Lucky Numbers: 5, 17, 19

CANCER

Things are going your way in wonderful ways this week. Happy news may arrive from a distance, and on the home front, a romantic question may be answered. Friends are glad to be with you. All in all, a very pleasant week. Enjoy.

Soul Affirmation: Success is mine because I feel successful.

Lucky Numbers: 44, 51, 55

LEO

Make someone happy as a way of making yourself happy. Your social life gives big rewards during the week. However, give attention to e-mail contacts. Don't be afraid as your mental horizon expands into new areas.

Soul Affirmation: You are gifted with the ability to give.

Lucky Numbers: 9, 28, 39

VIRGO

Your relationships can receive a big boost from a trip that beckons. Business is also highlighted. Your strong mental energy is sustained through the week. Work it out by talking it out.

Soul Affirmation: This week is the week the Lord has made. I rejoice in it.

Lucky Numbers: 31, 48, 52

LIBRA

Your vibes are calling to you this week to think fondly of all the love you are now giving and have given. Love itself makes you a better you. So act the fool and love with all your big sunny self. If things get stressful, repeat your magic word to yourself: LOVE.

Soul Affirmation: Freedom of mind is the greatest gift for me this week.

Lucky Numbers: 8, 15, 33

SCORPIO

Get in touch with those who can help you achieve your goals. Place the accent on initiative. Romance, passion and work are singing in harmony this week. Let your spiritual side come out to play. Lighten up.

Soul Affirmation: My love for myself is the most important love for me to have.

Lucky Numbers: 9, 35, 41

SAGITTARIUS

Joy this week comes from love. You are especially attractive. Stage your week so that you spend time around

people you want to attract. It is easy for you to bring harmony into your relationships. Your ability to communicate is greatly enhanced. Use it to your best advantage.

Soul Affirmation: The success of others is the investment I make in myself.

Lucky Numbers: 30, 45, 46

CAPRICORN

Are you spending money with little or nothing to show for it? This is because you're looking for something that money can't buy. Now is a good time to spend some of your emotional currency, and don't be cheap. You'll create a situation in which people will work hard to please you.

Soul Affirmation: Friendships are shock absorbers on the bumpy roads of life.

Lucky Numbers: 16, 50, 52

AQUARIUS

You may like to go to war, but avoid an argument with a friend; it will slow down all the wonderful progress you've been making. Your patience will be tested this week, stay on task. You might need to boost your level of self-love.

Soul Affirmation: I smile and trust in the powers beyond myself.

Lucky Numbers: 2, 20, 23

PISCES

Skip it! Don't sweat the small stuff; it'll only bring you down. Don't run around inside your own head this week. Focus your awareness outside on something beautiful. Compromise is a key idea this week.

Soul Affirmation: Jewelry reflects the beauty of my feelings about myself.

Lucky Numbers: 40, 43, 49